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INDEPENDENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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